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#### "I Do Know Something About Something"

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"It ain't so much the things we don't know that get us into trouble. It's the things we know that just ain't so."

--Artemus Ward

## Organizational Arrangements to Gain and Sustain Momentum

Arm?

Affiliate?

Component?

Division?

Department?

Joint Venture?

Partner?

Parent?

Subsidiary?

## Affordable Housing Corporation and Marion Housing Authority

- Housing Needs Assessment (1994)
- AHC Board Formation & Incorporation (1995)
- AHC 501 (c) (3) Status (1996)
- Strategic Plan Development (1996)
- AHC CHDO Certification & CHDO Works
   Operating Assistance Grant (1997)
- AHC Full-Time Executive Director (1997)

#### Parent with a Subsidiary CHDO

- housing activities are better pursued by an independent BUT CONTROLLED subsidiary
- increased focus on housing development
- prospect of obtaining grants is enhanced
- revenues generated by activities of the CHDO may be unrelated or incompatible with taxexempt purposes of the parent

#### Parent Role

- incorporating the CHDO as a subsidiary
- naming the CHDO's board of directors
- enunciating the CHDO's purpose
- adopting bylaws that preserve control

#### Parent Controls

- sole shareholder or sole voting member
- voting controls in articles of incorporation
- bylaws
  - designation and authority of officers
  - permit parent to elect/remove directors
  - prohibit amendments without parent approval

### Independence Lowers Liability

As long as the parent permits the subsidiary to act independently under the direction of its board, there is little risk to the parent of liability for negligence or wrong-doing.

# CAUTION! "Piercing the Corporate Veil"

- commingling funds
- interchanging employees
- having the parent's board serve as the board of the subsidiary
- sharing office facilities
- using a common letterhead
- otherwise blurring distinctions

#### CAUTION!

If the parent is a public or for-profit agency, the parent CANNOT CONTROL the CHDO

## Maximum One-Third Public Sector Board Representation

- Elected officials
- Appointed public officials
- Public agency employees
- Public official's appointees

Maximum
One-Third
Public

# Minimum One-Third Low-Income Community Representation

- Residents of low-income neighborhoods
- Low-income residents
- Elected reps of low-income neighborhoods

#### Public & Low-Income Reps

If a board member of the subsidiary CHDO meets the requirements for both low-income and public-sector representation, then he/she counts towards the one-third maximum public and does not count towards the one-third minimum low-income representation requirement

## To Be or Not To Be a CHDO?

A CHDO must also demonstrate capacity for carrying out activities assisted with HOME funds

## CHDO Capacity Requirements

- hire experienced key staff OR
- hire an experienced consultant AND implement a plan to train key staff

### CHDO Audit Requirements

- standards of financial accountability conform to 24 CFR 84.21
- OMB Circular A-133 audit requirements
  - requires the use of Government Auditing Standards (Commonly referred to as the Yellow Book) and the review of internal controls
  - threshold \$100,000 federal funds received

# CHDO Benefits (IHFA HOME Program)

- zero-interest pre-development loans
- general/project operating support
- training and technical assistance
- owners, developers or sponsors of projects undertaken with 15% set-aside HOME funds
- can loan HOME funds (interest & re-payment)

#### AHC and MHA

General Operating Agreements

Fee-For-Service Agreements

- Flat Fee
- Share/Reimburse Costs
- Property Management
- Development Services

#### AHC Core Services: Asset-Building

- HOME BASE Homeownership Programs (Quarterly Workshops)
- Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Counseling
- HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency
- Microenterprise Venture Partnerships (pending)

#### Pre-development (First Project):

- Implement Strategic Plan based on Needs Assessment
- \$25,000 Line of Credit from MHA
- Operating Assistance from MHA and IHFA
- Project Development Trainings
- Federal Grant Administration Trainings
- Donated Land (Site Control)
- Paid Consultant Involvement

#### **Thomas Jefferson Addition**

(Single Site – Urban Neighborhood):

• CHDO Role: Developer

• Development: 1997 to 2000

• New Construction: 24 Rentals & 10 Sale Units

#### Hunter's Run Apartments

(Single Site - RHTC Project):

• CHDO Role: Co-General Partner

("Advocate")

Development: 1998 to 2000 by Sterling

• New Construction: 72 Rental Units

#### **Emerson Townhomes**

(Single Site – Urban Neighborhood):

• CHDO Role: Developer and Owner

• Development: 2000 to 2001

New Construction: 8 Rental Units

#### Springhill of Marion

(Scattered Site - RHTC Project):

• CHDO Role: Co-Developer & GP

• Development: 2001 to 2003

New Construction: 36 Single-Family,

Lease-Purchase Units

#### Neighborhood Impact Projects

(Scattered Site - Near CHDO New Construction Projects):

• CHDO Role: Developer

• Development: 2002 to 2004

Rehab: 15 Owner-Occupied

## Sustaining Momentum

"Good to Great"

Jim Collins

## Distinguishing Factors

- Disciplined People
  - Level 5 Leadership
  - First Who Then What
- Disciplined Thought
  - Confront the Brutal Facts
  - Hedgehog Concept
- Disciplined Action
  - Culture of Discipline
  - Technology Accelerators

### Disciplined People

Level 5 Leadership

- more plow horse than show horse
- ambitious for organization not self
- set up successors for even greater success

First Who Then What

- get right people on the bus; wrong people off
- THEN figure out where and how to drive the bus
- place greater weight on character attributes

## Disciplined Thought

#### Confront Current Reality

- turn over rocks & deal with it (without blame)
- engage others in a search for the best answers
- build in "red flags" so info cannot be ignored

#### Hedgehog Concept

- what your org can be the best in the world at
- what drives your org's economic engine
- what you are deeply passionate about

#### Disciplined Action

A Culture of Discipline...

The transition from goodto-great begins not by trying to discipline the wrong people into the right behaviors, but by getting and keeping selfdisciplined people on the bus in the first place Role of Technology...

Know which technologies
link directly to your
Hedgehog Concept. If
the technology fits
directly with your HC,
you need to become a
pioneer in the application
of that technology

#### Flywheel 101 for a CHDO

- Documented Housing Needs/Demand
- Strategic Plan
- Operating Assistance
- Qualified, Trained Staff (The Right People)
- Pre-Development Dollars
- Development Partners

# Gaining and Keeping Momentum (Red Flags and Hedgehogs)

- Regular Board/Staff Meetings
- Annual Operating Budgets by Program
- Staff Utilization (Functional Time Estimates)
- Community Assessments/Housing Studies
- Strategic Framework with Annual Action Plans
- Quarterly Performance Updates tied to Action Plans
- Annual Program Reviews/Organizational Pulse-Check